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1. At the end of 1952 the East German Bureau fuer Wirtschaftsfragen (BfW) established a Scientific Council for the purpose of coordinating scientific and technical work of interest to BfW. The Council is to be particularly active in the field of electronics. Among the persons appointed members of the Council are Dr. Bernhard Vinzelberg of Funkwerk Koepenick, (fnu) Kutsche of Funkwerk Dresden and Gerhard Logla of Sachsenwerk Radeberg.
2. Vinzelberg is an expert on sound accumulation, especially on magnetic bands. He was formerly with AEG Berlin. After 1945 he took a position with Elektromechanisches Kombinat Bitterfeld as a physicist. He came to Funkwerk Koepenick on 1 June 1950 and was charged with the direction of a small laboratory developing magnetophones. Later he was made Chief of the Development Division of Funkwerk Koepenick. He kept this position until 1 January 1953, when the Development Division of the works was split into two so-called areas (Bereiche), one for the development and construction of transmitters (Area 1), the other one for the development and construction of measurement and other devices (Area 2). One of the reasons for the split was the fact that Vinzelberg is not a qualified expert on transmitter development. From 1 January 1953 on, Vinzelberg was made head of Area 2 of Funkwerk Koepenick, while Area 1 was placed under Dr. Walter Heine.

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